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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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214 through which the test result of the immunoassay is viewed. In accordance with the embodiments shown, no window material is mounted within the test window 214 (or the sample window 212). Thus, an optical path from outside the housing 202 through the test window 214 to the immunoassay test strip is unobscured by even a transparent material. Other alternative embodiments may include an optically transparent material (transparent at wavelengths emitted by light emitted from devices described herein), however, such is not preferred. Also, as shown in FIG. 2A and FIG. 2B, the housing may include a symbology, exemplified as a bar code 216 or 316 that can be read by the reader or a separate reading device and associated with identifying information pertaining to the particular device and/or test run or other information.

Please replace the paragraph on page 67, lines 7-11, with the following paragraph:

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An alternative embodiment of the test device is shown in FIG. 2B. The components of device are shown in FIG. 3 and include the upper and lower members 302 and 320 of the housing and the test strip 100. Also shown are the sample application port 304, test window 314, and the optionally included bar code 316.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace claim 5 with the following claim (a marked-up copy of the amended claim is attached to this Amendment):

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5. (Amended Twice) The method of claim 1, wherein the reader is a reflectance reader, comprising:  
~~a reader head comprising:~~  
~~a reader head body;~~  
~~a light emitting diode;~~  
~~a first fiberoptic bundle optically coupled to the light emitting diode,~~  
~~and adapted to transmit light from the light emitting diode;~~